# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

# OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

FILE P.I. #550600-

**OFFICE** Design Policy & Support

STP00-2610-00(004)

Liberty County

DATE November 15, 2010

CS 907/Frank Cochran Drive From SR 119

to Hero Road

FROM

for Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

TO SEE DISTRIBUTION

#### SUBJECT APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT

Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

#### DISTRIBUTION:

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Adminstrator

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

#### INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE:

STP-2610-00(004), Liberty County

OFFICE Program Delivery

P. I. No. 550600

Frank Cochran Drive Widening

Date October 27, 2010

FROM:

Bobby K. Hilliard, P.E., State Program Delivery Engineer

TO:

Brent Story, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer

SUBJECT

Request for Location and Design Approval

### **Description and Project Proposal:**

The existing site, which totals approximately 32.7 acres, consists of 2.7 miles of two-lane road without curb and gutter and a roadway ditch within an approximately 100-foot of right-of-way. The project is located within the Ogeechee Coastal watershed. Electric and Telephone utilities are overhead; all other utilities are located underground.

The proposed project is to widen Frank Cochran Drive from two 12-foot travel lanes to four 11-foot travel lanes, 19-foot median, a 5-foot sidewalk, and a 10-foot sidewalk with associated intersection improvements, curbs, and gutters. The proposed project follows the existing Frank Cochran Drive beginning at the intersection of Frank Cochran Drive and State Route (S.R.) 196 (E.G. Miles Parkway) and extends approximately 2.7 miles north along the existing Frank Cochran Drive, and ends within the boundaries of Fort Stewart at the intersection with S.R. 119. The approximate north half of the project corridor (1.3 miles) is within Fort Stewart, a U.S. Army base. All construction will conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

Concept Approval Date: January 31, 2007.

## **Concept Update:**

- The typical lane width has been changed to 11 feet from 12 feet per the VE study.
- The typical median width has been changed to 19 feet from 20 feet per the VE study and a Design Variance has been requested.
- 5 lane section within Fort Stewart has been replaced by typical 4-lane with median section per the request of Fort Stewart.
- Outside of Fort Stewart the 10 foot wide multiuse trail has been changed to a 10 foot wide sidewalk and moved from 5 feet back of curb to 2 feet from back of curb.
   Resulting in a shoulder width of 17 feet from 21 feet.
- Within Fort Stewart the 10 foot wide multiuse trail has been changed to a 5 foot wide sidewalk and moved from 5 feet from back of curb to 2 feet from back of curb. Resulting in a shoulder width of 12 feet from 21 feet.
- The sidewalk on the east side of the typical section has been moved from 5 feet from the back of curb to 2 feet from back of curb. Resulting in a shoulder width of 12 feet from 16 feet.

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# Environmental Document Type, Approval Date & any Reevaluations A categorical exclusion was prepared and approved on April 22, 2010

#### **Public Involvement:**

A PIOH was held on August 24, 2006. According to the records, 21 persons attended and four comment cards were received for the project. During the meeting three requests were made by attendees. One attendee requested a raised median. Both, the preferred alternative presented at the PIOH and the current design propose to utilize a raised median. One attendee requested a bike path down one side. The current design utilizes a ten foot wide sidewalk along the westerly side of the project outside of Fort Stewart. One attendee requested Douglas Asphalt not be awarded the contract. Douglas Asphalt is not currently on the Department's Qualified Bidder's list, and therefore Douglas Asphalt is no longer eligible to bid on Department contracts.

A public meeting with the interested parties was held on August 17, 2009, to gather feedback concerning the installation of noise barrier walls along portions of the project corridor. A total of ten property owners or their representatives attended the meeting. Of the comments received, one was in support of installing noise barrier walls, one expressed conditional support, four were opposed, and four were uncommitted or did not comment.

The major concern raised by the attendees was that the wall would create a secluded area that would make those areas more susceptible to criminal activity. Past experience with the aforementioned project STP-2610 (1) has demonstrated the validity of the concern of the interested parties that the walls will likely cause an increase in criminal activity since the walls would create an area of seclusion from the roadway. The current design does not implement sound walls where the interested parties did not indicate a desire for their installation. The residences of 800 and 806 Mandarin Drive did request the construction of the noise barrier walls. At this location the proposed project would mitigate security concerns by connecting the existing six feet tall chain link fence currently along the rear property lines to the sound barrier wall. This wall would also be located at the entrance of the neighborhood where there is a high volume of traffic, decreasing the likelihood of criminal activity. The proposed project would build one 400 LF section of wall fronting 800, 802, 804, 806, and half of 808 Mandarin Drive and will not build any other sections of the analyzed walls.

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Consistency with Approved Planning:

The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

**Recommendations:** Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

RECOMMEND:

Director of Engineering

APPROVE:

Chief Engineer

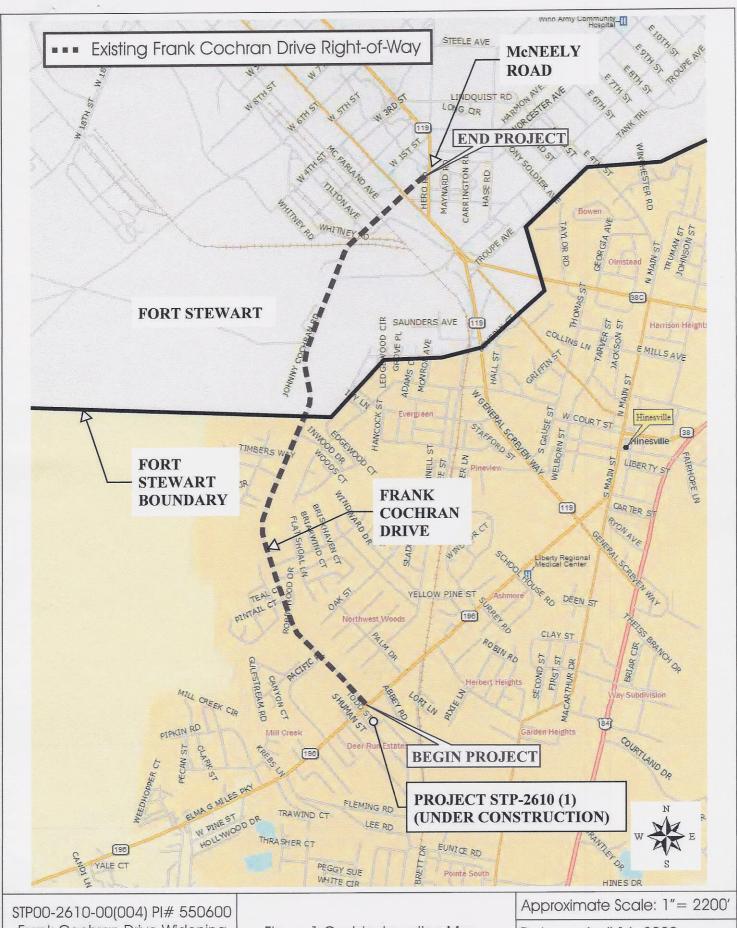
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DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL:

(To be entered by the State Conceptual Design Group Manager)

Attachments:

- Sketch Map
- Cost Estimate
- Notice of Location and Design Approval



Frank Cochran Drive Widening Liberty County, Georgia

Figure 1 Corridor Location Map

April 16, 2009 Date:

Source: Delorme Street Atlas

DATE : 10/19/2010 PAGE : 1 JOB ESTIMATE REPORT

JOB NUMBER: 550600 SPEC YEAR: 01 DESCRIPTION: FRANK COCHRAN ROAD WIDENING

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# NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL STP-2610-00(004), LIBERTY COUNTY P.I. NO.: 550600

Notice is hereby given in compliance with *Georgia Code 22-2-109* and *32-3-5* that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of the above project.

The Date of Location approval is: <u>November 15</u> , <b>2</b> 010	ocation approval is: November 15, 2010
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The project involves the reconstruction and widening of Frank Cochran Drive from E.G. Miles Parkway (S.R. 196) to McNeely Road.

The existing site, which totals approximately 32.7 acres, consists of 2.7 miles of two-lane road without curb and gutter and a roadway ditch within an approximately 100-foot of right-of-way. The project is located within the Ogeechee Coastal watershed. Electric and Telephone utilities are overhead; all other utilities are located underground.

The proposed project is to widen Frank Cochran Drive from two 12-foot travel lanes to four 11-foot travel lanes, 19-foot median, a 5-foot sidewalk, and a 10-foot sidewalk with associated intersection improvements, curbs, and gutters. The proposed project follows the existing Frank Cochran Drive beginning at the intersection of Frank Cochran Drive and State Route (S.R.) 196 (E.G. Miles Parkway) and extends approximately 2.7 miles north along the existing Frank Cochran Drive, and ends within the boundaries of Fort Stewart at the intersection with S.R. 119. The approximate north half of the project corridor (1.3 miles) is within Fort Stewart, a U.S. Army base. All construction will conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

Drawings, maps, or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and available for inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Bryan Czech, District 5 Area 4 Engineer bczech@dot.ga.gov 739 East Barnard Street Glennville, GA 30247 Phone (912) 654-2940

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings, maps, plats, or portions thereof, by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Bobby K. Hilliard, P.E., State Program Delivery Engineer
Office of Program Delivery
bhillard@gdot.ga.gov
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Phone (404)631-1122

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

## INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE:

FROM:

STP00-2610-00(004), Liberty County

P.I. No.: 550600

Frank Cochran Drive from

EG Miles Pkwy to Hero Rd.

Ronald E. Wishon, State Project Review Engineer NEW

TO: Brent A. Story, P. E., State Road Design Engineer

Attention: Matt Sanders, Project Manager

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF VALUE ENGINEERING STUDY ALTERNATIVES

Recommendations for implementation of Value Engineering Study Alternatives are indicated in the table below. Incorporate the VE alternatives recommended for implementation to the extent reasonable in the design of the project.

**OFFICE:** Engineering Services

**DATE:** April 2, 2009

ALT No.	Description	Savings PW & LCC	Implement	Comments
		ROADWA	Y	
1	Change the proposed Asphalt Pavement Design Structure to 1.5-inches of 12.5 mm (Superpave), 4-inches of 25 mm (Superpave) and 8-inches of Graded Aggregate Base (G.A.B.)	Proposed= \$1,793,000 Actual= \$1,026,050	Yes	It is the opinion of this Office that upon receipt of the new traffic diagrams, existing pavement evaluations and approved soil survey, a new pavement design structure will be proposed using a reduced Graded Aggregate Base (GAB) thickness from 12-inches to 8 inches and a reduced base course (25 mm Superpave) thickness from 4 inches to 3 inches. This change would provide a substantial amount of savings for this project.

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	RO	ADWAY (Contin	ued)	
2	Change the proposed Asphalt Pavement Design Structure to 1.5-inches of 12.5 mm (Superpave), 4-inches 25 mm (Superpave) and 6-inches Soil Cement Base	\$2,736,400	No	Not applicable since alternate No. 1 will be implemented. The City of Hinesville stated that their past experience with the installation of soil cement base has not been good and has delayed the construction and caused additional maintenance of their roadway projects.
3	Match the typical section of the adjacent Project No. STP00-2610-00(001), P.I. No. 541940, Frank Cochran Drive Extension.	\$2,538,615	No	The costs savings realized by the elimination of the proposed curb & gutter, drainage structures and median reduction will be offset by the additional costs incurred by right-of-way acquisition, utility impacts, environmental impacts, increased earthwork, and redesign costs. The City of Hinesville and the Office of Road Design do not recommend the implementation of this alternative.

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		ROADWAY (C	ontinued)	
4	Use an Urban Typical Section to minimize ROW impacts. The typical section would consist of four 11-foot lanes, a 19-foot raised and grassed median, 12-foot shoulder on the eastside including a 5-foot sidewalk, and a 15- foot shoulder on the westside, including an 8-foot multi-use path.	\$3,371,884	Yes	This should be done.
5	Usage of an 8-ft Asphalt Multi-Use Path Paving as opposed to a concrete path.	\$142,591	No	The use of concrete is the preferred choice for the multi-use path. It is believed that the use of asphalt will lead to increased long term maintenance. The potential additional cost savings for the asphalt installation and its durability may absorb any present worth savings by using this alternative.

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	]	ROADWAY (Con	tinued)	
6	Eliminate the sidewalk on the east side for Urban Typical Section. Use an Urban Typical Section to minimize ROW impacts. The typical section would consist of four 11-foot lanes, a 19-foot raised and grassed median, 12-foot shoulder on the eastside with no sidewalk and a 15-foot shoulder on the westside, including an 8-foot multi-use path. Eliminate the sidewalk on the east side for Urban Typical Section.	\$3,937,868*	No	Approximately one thousand homes and another four apartment projects totaling another three hundred residents currently exis within walking distance of Frank Cochran Drive outside of Fort Stewart Located along Frank Cochran Drive near the Commercial area is one of the largest churches in Hinesville which provides service to the neighborhood. Many residents in the area walk to church service. There are also many commercial establishments within walking distance (see attached memo dated 4 2-09 regarding "Pedestrian Activity".  *The cost savings of this alternate, Alt No. 6 removing the sidewalk is \$565,984; Alt. No. 6 less Alt. No. 4 = \$3,937,868-\$3,371,884
7	Add Landscaping to the grassed median, using Crepe Myrtle or similar plantings.	(-\$100,000)	No	This alternative is not within the scope of the project and adds additional costs to the project. The City will pursue the landscaping for the roadway and this alternative will be independent of this project.

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The Office of Engineering Services concurs with the Project Manager's responses.

Approved:

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Date: 4 3 169

Gerald M. Ross, P. E., Chief Engineer

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